

However, in the event that an extension of time is deemed to be necessary, Applicants request that such extension be granted, and the undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge Deposit Account 07-1765 in the appropriate amount.

Applicants hereinbelow amend the claims by the cancellation of Dependent Claims 13 and 32, and the addition of 14 newly-presented dependent claims, i.e., Dependent Claims 43-56. Accordingly, a total of 12 additional dependent claims have been added. The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge the supplemental filing fee to Deposit Account 07-1765 in the amount of \$216.00, i.e., 12 additional claims over 20, at \$18.00 per claim. The undersigned further authorizes the Commissioner to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 07-1765, in the appropriate amount. This document is provided in duplicate.

Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration of pending Claims 1-42, and favorable consideration of newly-presented Claims 43-54 as set forth below, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the Claims, as follows:

Kindly cancel Claim 13 and 32, without prejudice or disclaimer thereof.

Kindly add newly-presented Claims 43-54, as follows:

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--- ~~43~~. The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film comprises linear homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer in an amount of from about 15 to 85 weight percent.

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44. The patch bag according to Claim 43, wherein said first heat-shrinkable film has a total free shrink at 185°F of from about 10 to 100 percent.

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E ~~45~~. The patch bag according to Claim ~~44~~, wherein said first heat-shrinkable film is a monolayer film.

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E ~~46~~. The patch bag according to Claim ~~44~~, wherein said first heat-shrinkable film is a multilayer film.

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C1 E ~~47~~. The patch bag according to Claim ~~43~~, wherein the ~~patch~~ ^{first heat shrinkable} film further comprises heterogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer.

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E ~~48~~. The patch bag according to Claim ~~43~~, wherein the first ^{heat shrinkable} film has a thickness of from about 2 to 8 mils.

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E ~~49~~. The patch bag according to Claim ~~48~~, wherein the first ^{heat shrinkable} film has a thickness of from about 3 to 6 mils.

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~~50~~ The patch bag according to Claim 6, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film comprises long chain branched homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer in an amount of from about 5 to 100 percent, based on the weight of the first heat-shrinkable film.

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~~51~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~50~~, wherein said first heat-shrinkable film is a monolayer film.

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~~52~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~50~~, wherein the long chain branched homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer is present in the first heat-shrinkable film in an amount of from about 15 to 85 percent.

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~~53~~ The patch bag according to Claim 1, wherein the first heat-shrinkable film comprises an outer layer comprising heterogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer, a self-welded layer, and a core layer between the outer layer and the self-welded layer.

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~~54~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~53~~, wherein the core layer comprises linear homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer.

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~~55~~ The patch bag according to Claim ~~53~~, wherein the core layer comprises long chain branched homogeneous ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer.

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